Indian Oil Corporation Shakurbasti LPG filling station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Two LPG Bottling Plants of 75000 MTPA capacity each are being set up by IOC and BPCL at Tikri Kalan and Asoti near Delhi and are expected to be ready in 1988. Closure of the existing plants at Shakurbasti will be possible after the new plants stabilise in their operations.

(c) The following additional measures are being provided in the new plants from the point of view of safety:

(1) Gas detection system,

(2) Heat|Smoke detection system,

(3) Automatc Sprinkler System,

(4) Hydrant system,

(5) System of 24 hrs supervision by Officers,

(6) 80-Meter green belt all around the plant.

Setting up of ONGC Office in A.P.

942. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government for the setting up of a regional ONGC office in A.P. State (particularly in Rajamundhry); and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) A request was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up a regional office of the Oil & Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) at Kakinada.

(b) The ONGC has a project office at Rajahmundry, headed by a General Manager, to look after its operations in the Krishna-Godavari basin.

The Southern Region Business Centre (SRBC) of ONGC at Madras caters to the over-all needs of Krishna-Godavari, Cauvery and Andaman basins. Due to its Central location, Madras is considered ideally situated for locating the Regional office.

LPG Licences in Rural and Semi-Urban Areas in A.P.

943. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to issue L.P.G. licences in rural and semi-urban areas to enable the rural people to make use of L.P.G. connections in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) At present LPG facility is being extended to locations having a population around of 20,000 and above provided these offer sufficient potential for economically viable dealership. Subject to the above, there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to extend LPG facility to semi-urban or rural areas.

Self-Reliance in OIL

944. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in a section of press that the country's self-reliance in oil is actually on the decline;

(b) whether it is a fact that with a view to sustaining the 5 per cent growth rate, a minimum 7 per cent economics growth in consumption of Petroleum products is essential;

(c) whether it is a fact that the self-reliance in natural oil has gone down from 70 per cent in the beginning of the

current plan to 66 per cent in 1986-87; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that at the end of the 7th Plan, self-reliance in oil will go down to 60 per cent and in the year 1995 it will further go down to 50 per cent; if so, what are the reasons therefor and what measures Government propose to take to arrest this downward trend in the oil sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The growth of economic development depends upon the level of energy input. Petroleum Products are only a part of total energy input.

(c) and (d) The degree of self-reliance in crude oil was about 70 per cent in the year 1984-85 which came down to about 65 per cent in 1986-87. In the terminal year of 7th Plan, the degree of self-reliance is expected to be 61 per cent and in the year 1994-95, 57 per cent.

The decline in the degree of self-reliance is on account of higher rate of growth in consumption of petroleum products as compared to rate of growth in production of crude oil.

Number of steps have been taken to increase the production of crude oil in the country. These include intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production, intensification of work over operations; use of enhanced oil recovery techniques, and induction of advanced technology. Besides this, measures have been identified/taken bearing on conservation and of petroleum products and demand management.

Interim Relief to Officers of Bhopal Unit of BHEL

945. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal, has sanctioned payment of Interim relief to officers of the project;

(b) when was the wage revision due for the officers of the project; and

(c) whether there is any dissatisfaction amongst workers in regard to this wage revision which is discriminatory?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) *Ad hoc* relief was sanctioned to officers of BHEL, Bhopal.

(b) The revised scales of pay and allowances for officers are operative for a minimum period of 5 years from 1-8-82.

(c) The workers started an agitation in June, 87 demanding interim relief.

Industrial Unrest in Bhopal Unit of BHEL

946. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to unimaginative management policy, industrial unrest is gripping Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently only officers were given interim relief though wage revision for them was not due while ignoring wage revision for workers which is due since 1986?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There is no industrial unrest at BHEL, Bhopal, at present.

(b) Ad hoc relief was sanctioned to officers of BHEL, Bhopal. The wage revision for workers has become due and the managment is holding discussions with the Unions.

Setting up of Industries in Orissa

947. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications were received for setting up industries in the